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In re Application of:

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Dated: February 20, 2009

Serial No. : 09/662,718

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Group Art Unit: 3621

For : FLOOR JOIST RETAINER AND
METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

Examiner: Canfield, Robert

Petitions Branch
Fax No.: 571-273-8300
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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING
PETITION TO REVIVE FILED FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

On February 9, 2009, applicant filed a Petition for Revival Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), together with an Amendment, and certain supporting documents. In a telephone conversation with Examiner Robert Canfield on February 19, 2009, applicant's counsel learned that there was a problem at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with respect to scanning of the documents application filed on February 9, 2009. Applicant's counsel also called the Petitions Branch of the USPTO and learned that it would be best to fax the above-identified documents to ensure that the scanning problem is not repeated. Accordingly, applicant is sending with this communication the following:

- (1) Petition for Revival Under 37 CFR 1.137(b);
- (2) Amendment;
- (3) Claim Index;
- (4) Substitute Specification – clean version; and
- (5) Substitute Specification – showing changes.

Applicant believes the petition should be allowed, and that the amendment puts the application in condition for allowance. However, if the Petitions Branch has any questions regarding this matter, please telephone the undersigned.


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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
SFN.301RI

First named inventor: Timothy A. Wurtz and Ronald D. Wurtz

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 810.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Amendment, Claim Index, Substitute Specification (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____

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February 9, 2009

Date

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